

SCS SB 735 -- CAMPGROUNDS

SPONSOR: Brown (Miller)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources by a vote of 19 to 0.

This bill authorizes a campground owner to remove or cause to be removed any person who is not a registered guest or visitor of the campground; remains on the campground beyond an agreed-upon departure time and date; defaults in the payment of lawfully imposed registration, visitor fees or charges; creates a disturbance that denies other people their right to quiet enjoyment of the campground; or violates any federal, state, or local law. A person who remains on the campground after having been asked to leave by a campground owner is guilty of trespass and may be removed by the campground owner or a law enforcement officer. A person removed from a campground is entitled to a refund of the unused portion of any prepaid fees, less any amount owed to the owner or deducted for damages. The unused portion of prepaid fees may be prorated at a rate that is based upon the daily rate charged by the campground owner.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that currently private campgrounds must go through the eviction process to remove any person from the campgrounds. This bill would allow campgrounds to remove a person for cause in a manner similar to that used by hotels.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Brown and Larry Helms, Missouri Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.